CLAIMS:

We claim:

1.   A method for reformatting a previously formatted portion of document text comprising:

determining a sample of formats comprising a plurality of formats from a format set;

identifying the portion of text within the document to be reformatted; and

for each format included in the sample of formats, reformatting the portion of text with the format and displaying the reformatted portion of text in a live preview window.

2.   A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the format set based on user selection of a color set and a font set.

4.   The method of claim 3, wherein the color set comprises a plurality of colors defining a color scheme, the colors being pre-selected by a trained designer.

5.   The method of claim 3, wherein the font set comprises a plurality of fonts defining a font theme, each font having a font name and a font size, the fonts being pre-selected by a trained designer.

6.   The method of claim 1, wherein each format comprises a format font name, a format font color and a format font size.

7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the live preview window comprises a floating window that hovers above the document.

8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a command for adding a custom format to the sample of formats;

in response to the command, adding the custom format to the sample of formats; and

5   reformatting the portion of text with the custom format and displaying the reformatted portion of text in the live preview window.

9.   The method of claim 8, wherein the custom format comprises a user-defined format.

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10.   A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 8.

11.   The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the portion of text within 15 the document to be reformatted comprises identifying the portion of text positioned immediately adjacent to a cursor.

12.   The method of claim 1, wherein identifying the portion of text within the document to be reformatted comprises identifying the portion of text that has been 20 highlighted by a user.

13. A system for reformatting a previously formatted portion of document text comprising:

a display device for displaying the previously formatted portion of document text and a user interface for selection of a selected color set and a selected font set;

5 a memory for storing a plurality of color sets and a plurality of font sets;

an input device for generating commands corresponding to selection of the selected color set from the plurality of color sets and the selected font set from the plurality of font sets;

a processor in communication with the display device, the memory and the

10 input device for receiving the commands and determining a format set based on the selected color set and the selected font set; and

the processor further operable for:

determining a sample of formats comprising a plurality of formats from the format set,

15 identifying the previously formatted portion of text within the document to be reformatted, and

for each format included in the sample of formats, reformatting the previously formatted portion of text with the format and displaying the reformatted portion of text in a live preview window.
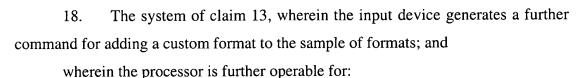
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14. The system of claim 13, wherein each format comprises a font name, a font color and a font size.

15. The system of 13, wherein the color set comprises a plurality of colors

25 defining a color scheme, the colors being pre-selected by a trained designer.

16. The system of claim 13, wherein the font set comprises a plurality of fonts defining a font theme, each font having a font name and a font size, the fonts being pre-selected by a trained designer.

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17. The system of claim 13, wherein the live preview window comprises a floating window that hovers above the document.

18.   The system of claim 13, wherein the input device generates a further command for adding a custom format to the sample of formats; and

wherein the processor is further operable for:

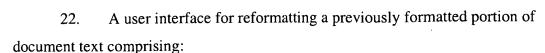in response to the command, adding the custom format to the sample

5   of formats, and

reformatting the portion of text with the custom format and displaying the reformatted portion of text in the live preview window.

19.   The system of claim 18, wherein the custom format comprises a user-

10   defined format.

20.   The system of claim 13, wherein identifying the portion of text within the document to be reformatted comprises identifying the portion of text positioned immediately adjacent to a cursor.

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21.   The system of claim 13, wherein identifying the portion of text within the document to be reformatted comprises identifying the portion of text that has been highlighted by a user.

22. A user interface for reformatting a previously formatted portion of document text comprising:

a first control for selection of a color set;

a second control for selection of a font set; and

5   a live preview window for displaying a plurality of live preview text samples formatted according to a format set defined by the selected color set and the selected font set, the format set comprising a plurality of formats, each of the live preview text samples being displayed with one of the formats.

10   23. The user interface of claim 22, further comprising a third control for adding a custom format to the sample of formats; and

wherein the live preview window further displays one of the live preview text sample with the custom format.